Synthesis – PRACTICE

English 9

It is Friday night. You have $20 burning a hole in your pocket. Your friends want to go to dinner and a movie, and you want to go too! Clearly, this is a difficult decision, though, as the movie they want to see is the latest and greatest Spielberg film, *Why English and Government Teachers Are the Coolest People Ever*….in 3D. Oh yes…it’s real! It’s won awards!

Your challenge is to make a decision about this movie, and many friends of yours have opinions to share about whether you should go or not. Your task will be to a) make a decision and b) write about WHY you made the decision you did.

**ASSIGNMENT**

* **Decide whether or not you will go see the movie *Why English and Government Teachers Are the Coolest People Ever* based upon your friends’ recommendations**.
* **Write** about your decision to go or not and **WHY** you chose what you did.
* This IS synthesis!
* Cite ideas or words from your friends by citing them by their name: (John) or (Granny), etc.

Friend #1: John

* He has been your best friend since middle school.
* He has always given good advice about movies; you’ve always liked what he has said you’d like.
* He is trying to set you up with a person you like on this “group outing.”
* He says, “This IS the best movie I’ve seen in a while. The acting is superb and the storyline is perfect. I can’t imagine a better topic about which to make a movie. I can’t wait for the sequel, *How I Can Become an English or Government Teacher*!

Friend #2: Sally

* Sally is your second best friend.
* She has been in your friend circle since elementary school.
* You have also loved every movie SHE has told you about.
* She is best friends with **Pat**, the person John is trying to set you up with.
* She says, “This is the WORST movie I’ve ever seen. Are you kidding me? Who would make a movie about this ridiculous topic? I cannot believe any rationally thinking adult ever thought this was a good idea. But, going to see this might be a good idea as Pat wants to be a teacher when grown up.

Friend #3: Granny

* Not really a friend, Granny, is your grandmother.
* She has very poor taste in movies.
* She only likes those in black and white. She would not tolerate one in 3D.
* She says, “I wouldn’t see this movie! Yes, I was a teacher back in my day, but this movie just sounds too weird! I can’t believe someone would make a movie about such an important topic. This topic deserves a reverent speech or book or radio show or something. Here is $1 to get you into the movie. Enjoy your decision although I will have to tell your mother about this ridiculous decision you might make.

Friend #4: Mary

* Mary is a friend, but not a close friend.
* She tends to stir up gossip and drama wherever she goes.
* She is planning on going to the movie tonight with “the gang.”
* She says, “I love hanging out with John, Sally, and you. It is always so much fun. True, true, we do get into issues every once in a while, but those fights never last for very long. Yes, true, you and I did get into a very embarrassing disagreement the last time we went to the movies, but this time it will be different…I promise!

Friend #5: Pat

* Pat is the person you have a crush on.
* Pat is planning on going to the movie tonight as Pat really likes movies about school. No one is quite sure why, but Pat really likes them! Perhaps Pat wants to become a teacher in the future.
* Pat does not usually hang out with your group, but tonight Pat is planning on it!

Friend #6: You!

* You are…you!